

January 31, 2019

Mr. Steven Kahl
Interim Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba
CenturyLink QC and Tekstar Communications, Inc. for the State of North
Dakota

Dear Mr. Kahl:

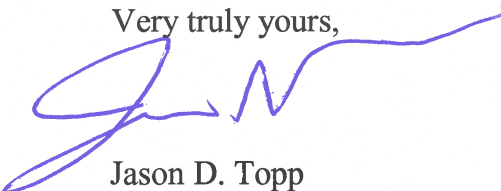
Enclosed for filing for approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and N.D. Cent. Code § 49-21-01.7 is the Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") and Tekstar Communications, Inc. ("Tekstar") for the State of North Dakota. Tekstar is adopting the Interconnection Agreement between Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Excel Telecommunications (fka Comtel) and CenturyLink, which was approved by the Commission on May 1, 2018 in Case No. PU-18-33.

Contact information for Tekstar is as follows:

David Schornack
Tekstar Communications, Inc.
150 Second Avenue Southwest
Perham, MN 56573
(218) 346-8107
David.schornack@arvig.com

Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: David Schornack (via e-mail)



**Adoption of the
Interconnection Agreement**

By

Tekstar Communications, Inc.

**Adopting the
Interconnection Agreement**

Between

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

And

Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Excel Telecommunications (fka Comtel)

For the State of North Dakota

Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement

This Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink"), and Tekstar Communications, Inc. ("CLEC"), each of which may be referred to herein as "Party", or collectively as "the Parties", to establish the terms, conditions and rates for local interconnection and the exchange of Local traffic for the State of North Dakota.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. ADOPTED AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Excel Telecommunications (fka Comtel), that was signed on January 19, 2018 and approved by the Commission on May 1, 2018 ("Adopted Agreement").
- 1.2 This Agreement is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Adopted Agreement, including all amendments to that Adopted Agreement (the "Terms").
- 1.3 Except as set forth herein, the Adopted Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

2. PARTY

For the purposes of this Agreement, CLEC is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement for Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Excel Telecommunications (fka Comtel).

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Terms of the Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Excel Telecommunications (fka Comtel) Agreement are being adopted in its entirety by CLEC pursuant to CLEC's statutory rights under Section 252(i). The filing and performance by CenturyLink of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any or all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of CLEC's 252(i) election.
- 3.2 Should CLEC attempt to apply the adopted Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CenturyLink reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.
- 3.3 CLEC understands that it is providing a representation and warrants that it is complying with all provisions of the Adopted Agreement as of the effective date of the adoption.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- 4.1 This Agreement shall become effective on the date of Commission Approval ("Effective Date"); however the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Agreement upon execution by both Parties in which event neither Party will bring a dispute to require that an obligation incurred after execution must be fulfilled under the terms of the prior Agreement as long as this Agreement ultimately receives Commission Approval and so long as such obligations are fulfilled under the terms of this Agreement. However, the initiation of a new account, any new provision of service or obligation or any revision to currently existing services or obligations may take up to 60 days to accommodate any required initial processes.
- 4.2 In the event that the Parties currently have an existing Interconnection Agreement, this Agreement shall replace the existing Interconnection Agreement in its entirety beginning on the Effective Date. However, nothing relieves the Parties from fulfilling all obligations incurred under that prior Interconnection Agreement, unless such obligation was incurred

following execution of this Agreement and the Parties agreed to implement this Agreement and such obligations were fulfilled under this Agreement consistent with the foregoing paragraph.

- 4.3 The expiration date of this Adoption Agreement shall be the same as the expiration date of the agreement that is being adopted which is April 30, 2021.

5. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided, all notices and communication hereunder will be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the U.S. mail, certified, postage paid, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

To CenturyLink:

Director Sales Support
700 W Mineral Ave – Room MN D18.30
Littleton, CO 80120
Phone: 303-992-5906
Email: intagree@centurylink.com

With Copy to:

CenturyLink Legal Department-Wholesale Interconnection
700 W Mineral Ave – Room L14.08
Littleton, CO 80120
Phone: 303-992-5599
Email: Legal.Interconnection@centurylink.com

To CLEC:

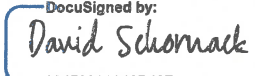
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Attn: David Schornack, Director of Business Development and Sales
150 2nd Avenue SW
Perham, MN 56573
Phone: 218-346-8107
Email: David.Schornack@arvig.com

6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 CLEC represents and warrants that it is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of North Dakota.
- 6.2 The Parties will cooperate to file this Agreement with the Commission for approval and complete all attendant requirements of the Commission for such approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CLEC and CenturyLink have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

Tekstar Communications, Inc.

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Signature

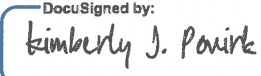
David Schornack
Printed Name

Director of Business Development and Sales
Title

1/7/2019

Date

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

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Signature

Kimberly J. Povirk
Printed Name

Director Sales Support
Title

1/8/2019

Date